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WHOLE No. 444

Put the Heat On Congress

Organized labor is letting its representatives in Congress know it is watching their action as well as vote on the following legislation:

Gwynne Wage-Hour Amendments HR. 2157, S. 70

Passed by both House and Senate, this bill drastically curbs workers' rights to sue for back pay due them from employers violating the Wage-Hour Act. All unions should wire President Truman to protect the Wage-Hour Act by vetoing the bill.

Anti-Labor Bills House and Senate

While both House and Senate labor committees debate what form their anti-union omnibus bill will take, all unions should write their own congressmen to vote against any bill to outlaw union security, hamper right to strike, limit bargaining or compel arbitration.

Rent Control Bill Wagner-Murray S. 528

The only bill which would provide rent control at present ceilings for another year. Write Senate banking committee to report it to Senate and to reject all rent-raising bills.

Taft-Ellender- Wagner Housing Bill S. 866

Write senators to push this long-range housing measure through, so House will have time to pass it before the legislative jam in June.

Green Urges Union Fight On Congress 'Anti' Bills

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Pointing out that the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and the House Committee on Education and Labor have concluded hearings upon anti-labor measures introduced into the Congress of the United States, President William Green requests that the members of labor and their friends show the members of Congress with letters, telegrams and communications, and to appeal to them in the name of labor, freedom, liberty and justice to vote against the vicious anti-labor measures now pending in Congress.

The important anti-labor measures referred to provide the following:

- a) Union shop agreements will be eliminated.
- b) Industry-wide bargaining will be eliminated.
- c) Strikes and jurisdictional disputes will be prohibited.
- d) Strikes in certain cases will be prohibited, and a cooling-off period of 30 days to six months is provided before a strike is permitted.
- e) Secondary boycotts will be prohibited.
- f) Foremen will be prohibited from belonging to unions.
- g) The National Labor Relations

Is This Why Truman's Foreign Policy Makers Are So Anxious To Supply the Fascist Greek Government With Our Millions?

Greece's reactionary regime has been engaged in outlawing free labor unions and genuine collective bargaining for some time—just as our anti-labor congressmen in Washington, and our anti-labor legislators in Sacramento are bent on doing. The following news dispatch describes a situation in Greece which should disturb every sincere American unionist:

"Greek union members won't have any collective bargaining rights from now on as the result of a government decision reviving a law introduced by the fascist Metaxas regime. Under the law, all wages and conditions must be set by the employers and a government named 'spokesman' for the workers. The workers themselves aren't consulted at all. A strike against conditions established by this procedure is illegal and carries severe penalties."

"Elected leaders of the Greek labor movement have called for help in fighting the fascist measure. The elected union leaders are not recognized by the Greek government, which arrested many of them and replaced them with its own appointees." The American people (including the 14 million members of labor unions) are overwhelmingly in favor of aid to the starving and dispossessed of Greece and all other countries in dire need of it. But the labor movement has a right to demand that any such large-scale program for Greece as proposed by President Truman carry a proviso that fascist repression of trade unions be abolished and a real democracy set up. Aid to feed the starving and funds to revive devastated industry in Greece is one thing—money to uphold a government that shackles labor unions is another!

IBEW Plans 2-Day Meet At Salinas

The quarterly meeting of the Northern California Joint Executive Boards of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be held at Salinas on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13.

Sessions will be held at the Salinas Carpenters Union Hall, 422 North Main Street.

Highlight of the meeting will be a discussion of the plans for employer contributions to the National Pension Fund for electrical workers.

This is the first time in the history of the building trades that employers have made contributions to a pension fund for workers, the contributions based on a percentage of the salaries of the men.

Details of the pension fund will be explained at the meetings.

School Bonds At Monterey Win CLC Favor

Strong endorsement to the issuance of school bonds for financing new construction for the Monterey school system was voted at last week's meeting by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, President E. D. McCutcheon reports.

The proposal came from Teachers Union 57 in form of a resolution. Funds are being sought for a junior college, new high school buildings and for elementary school facilities.

The resolution adopted was as follows:

WHEREAS the school population of the Monterey school districts has increased greatly during the past few years, and

WHEREAS there is every prospect of further increase in the local school population and

WHEREAS there is urgent need for two years of junior college training in this community, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council hereby endorse the issuance of bonds as planned by the governing boards of the Monterey Elementary School District and the Monterey Union High School to provide much needed buildings and other facilities and to provide for junior college classes locally.

WAYNE EDWARDS, Secretary.

TIRE SHOPS AT SALINAS SIGN UNION

Three tire and tire repair shops in the Salinas area have signed contracts with Sales-Delivery Teamsters & Warehousemen 296, reports George W. Jenott, secretary.

Signed were the big Firestone Stores unit in Salinas, Rhodes Tire Shop, and Don Hulze Tire Co., the latter two on opposing corners of John and Front Streets, Salinas. Jenott said Thomas Brett, business agent for this area, was instrumental in negotiating and signing the contracts for these shops.

All are now 100 per cent union and deserving of union patronage, Jenott said.

Big New Store Building Starts

Construction of a \$200,000 new store building for Lucky Markets in the Klett Subdivision of South Main Street, Salinas, was to get under way this week, reports George R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925 of Salinas.

Named contractor for the huge building, first unit of a series of buildings which will move a portion of business to the South Main Street district, was the firm of Daly Brothers of Oakland, Harter said.

Co-ordinators Show Progress

Progress was reported by the A. F. of L. Coordinating Committee, comprised of Salinas building trades unions, following last week's meeting of the group.

Attendance at the last meeting was reported as below normal but progressive reports were given by delegates present.

Butchers Plan Institute on Labor History

Plans for an institute on labor laws and history were announced this week by the Western Federation of Butchers, through Vice-President Earl A. Moorhead, of San Jose. The institute is planned for April 25 and 26 in San Francisco.

Moorhead, secretary of Butchers 506, said the two-day institute would be under the direction of the California Industrial Relations Department and would be a part of the newly-adopted educational program of the Western Federation of Butchers.

Salinas Vets Seek to Form Memorial Area

Charles Greenwood, chairman of the Veterans Service Council, today announced that members of veterans' organizations are circulating petitions for a special election, as required by State law, for the formation of a Veterans Memorial District and election of a board of five directors.

The name of the district is "Salinas-Alisal Memorial District" and it includes all the territory within the Salinas Elementary School District and the Alisal Union School District.

By combining incorporated and unincorporated areas in one district the tax rate should be less and the completed facilities more adequate for all Alisal-Salinas veteran, recreational, and general community needs, Greenwood said.

All veteran labor organizations have gone on record favoring a Veterans Memorial Building, and this section of Monterey County is one of the few communities in the State of California where veterans and the public do not have such a building, Greenwood added.

FCWU Delegates Returned from Chicago Confab

President Joe Perry and Business Agent Lester Caveny of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union were back in Monterey this week after attending the international convention of the Seafarers International Union, at Chicago last month.

The two delegates say they will make their reports to the next union membership meeting, date not set at time of this writing.

Fishing was slow last week in the pre-Easter period, with only two plants operating, Enterprise and San Carlos both packing a little squid, it was reported.

Painters Idle At Monterey In Wage Dispute

Painters of Local 272 of Monterey were idle last week as they sought to establish a new rate of pay for the area.

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It was reported that the painters were informed that all overtime henceforth would be eliminated. As a result the workers are asking \$2 per hour to keep their "take home" pay at a level to meet rising living costs.

Details of the situation were lacking as union officials could not be contacted for statements.

Laborer Heads In San Francisco On Jurisdiction

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers 272, and S. M. Thomas, business agent of Monterey Laborers 690, were in San Francisco last week-end to attend an important meeting on jurisdictional problems affecting the craft.

Alves, of FCWU In Council Race

Anthony Alves, member of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, has entered the race for election as city councilman of Monterey.

Seven candidates have filed for two posts vacant, it was reported, including Alves and Henry Diaz, former plumbers' business agent, now a plumbing firm manager.

Labor Demand Survey Opens At Salinas

According to Bob Mercer, manager of the Salinas office, California State Employment Service, they will start contacting all employers in the Salinas Valley to ascertain local labor demand.

Every employer will be called upon and given overall information on the labor supply, and any other information he may desire on the composition of the labor supply and services available to him through the local employment office. They will secure the total number of his labor force, now and his additional needs, one, two, four, and six months from now.

Every effort will be made to handle the entire transaction in the least possible time to accomplish the main objective, which is service to the employer, and gathering information for general purposes for all organizations and groups in the community.

Mercer stated that as this job was being done with no increase in personnel, it would be of considerable help if employers contacted would make it as easy as possible for each interviewer to secure this information with the least amount of delay.

Each interviewer will be able to answer any questions an employer may have, with regard to the supply of all types of occupations and how the employer can use the employment service to assist in filling his labor needs, by screening out those least qualified to fill the job.

When all information has been gathered, employers, community organizations, and city, county, and state agencies will have complete information on the labor supply, the labor demand and the employment trend.

Butchers Plan Salinas Course For Journeymen

Plans for a series of classes for journeymen, starting this week, were announced last week by E. L. Courtwright, Salinas area representative of Butchers Union 506.

Courtwright said Fred Feil, business representative of Local 506 from San Jose, will be instructor for classes to be held at Salinas Carpenters Hall each night for the next few weeks.

The classes will be devoted to instructing journeymen in new methods of handling and cutting meats, Courtwright said.

Steady Pressure On Jergens Gets Temos Results

Los Angeles, Calif. Pressure of a nation-wide teamster boycott has forced the Andrew Jergens Co. here to yield Ouch, but it's not yet ready to cry Uncle.

The boycott, launched in February by the Western Conference of Teamsters and since spread throughout the U. S., caused the company to ask for a conference to discuss possible settlement of the 14-month teamster strike. For six months it had refused even to meet with the union.

But at the two meetings that resulted the company first demanded cancellation of the boycott and withdrawal of pickets as a condition for negotiating. So Sec. George E. Mock of the teamsters Western Warehouse & Produce Council has called on all unions to intensify the boycott.

Film Company Near Monterey

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was established on the Monterey Peninsula last week, for new filming in connection with a film to star Greer Garson.

S. M. Thomas, business agent of Laborers 690, reports that M-G-M called for five laborers and three guards for preliminary work.

Federation Board To Meet April 11

The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will hold its quarterly meeting in San Francisco on April 11-12.

A number of important matters will be considered at the meeting, according to Anthony Agillo, vice-president from this district.

Realtors Stymie Housing

Chicago, Illinois Charges that lobbying real estate "tycoons" have been deliberately prolonging the "housing squeeze" at the cost of the public interest by blocking low-cost housing were made here by Lester Washburn, International President of the AFL-International Union of the United Automobile Workers of America.

In an article written for the union's official publication, AFL Auto Worker, Mr. Washburn declared the purpose of the real estate interests is to keep property values and old houses 50 per cent higher than original costs. He added:

PUT BLAME ON LABOR

"As a defense raised to explain the lack of construction, we hear the old, old plaint, labor costs are too high. The truth is, these real estate tycoons don't want new construction. Why should they build homes when they have to wait 60 or 90 days for a profit? Besides, each new home built means an easing of the shortage, and that worries the real estate dealers."

With the disappearance of the shortage comes the end of the pyramiding of prices on ancient dwellings now being unloaded at levels 50 per cent higher than the original cost. It's much quicker and easier to buy and sell, pushing the ceiling price ever upward while keeping the shortage.

"The only possible fly in the ointment for the real estate operators was the expected interest of the government—local and national. The aim of such intervention would be, of course, to provide low-cost housing to as many families as desire it. But armies of high pressure and well-padded lobbyists swarmed into most legislatures and hamstringed the low-cost housing programs so effectively that they seldom got beyond the blueprint stage."

LABOR UNREST INCREASED BY 'ANTI' LAWS

San Diego, Calif. Labor's warnings that anti-union legislation will increase rather than lessen industrial strife is already being proved true in Arizona, where an anti-closed shop law was passed last fall and five other restrictive bills are awaiting the governor's signature.

"Arizona has had more strikes in the first two months of 1947 than in the previous six years," said John Murray, general representative of the United Bro. of Carpenters (AFL), on his arrival here from Phoenix to confer with building trades union officials. "In each case, the union was forced into a strike. Where a union can't be baited into a strike, the employers put on a lockout and bill it for a strike."

"The big employers there are really driving to break union labor—if they succeed, the pattern will be set for the whole U.S.A."

While a closed shop still operates in the building trades, the Associated General Contractors have refused to renew any contracts this year. They are reportedly planning an anti-closed shop lockout for May 1, Murray said.

Employers in other fields are following the contractors' example, with the service trades particularly hard hit. Murray saw this first hand while serving on a 7-man arbitration board in a Phoenix hotel and restaurant strike. In Phoenix the AFL has already filed five test suits against the state's anti-closed shop law and has mobilized five Arizona attorneys to work along with AFL chief counsel Joseph A. Padway.

Standard Oil Wants Boys to Start Drilling

Washington, D.C. Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey officially announced it had adopted a plan paying workers for 15 days leave of absence annually for peacetime military training. The company added: "The plan has been recommended to all the company's domestic affiliates."

While on training leave workers will be paid the difference between their company incomes and GI pay.

Another 'Tax For Greedy'

The following table shows the SPENDABLE INCOME AFTER TAX PAYMENT for various groups under the House-passed HR. 1 and the present law, with the percentage of increase between them.

| Net Income | Spendable Income | | Increase in HR. 1 |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Present Law | As Passed HR. 1 | |
| \$1,200 | \$1,162 | \$1,173 | 1.0% |
| 1,500 | 1,405 | 1,433 | 2.0 |
| 2,000 | 1,810 | 1,867 | 3.1 |
| 4,000 | 3,411 | 3,529 | 3.5 |
| 6,000 | 4,955 | 5,164 | 4.2 |
| 10,000 | 7,815 | 8,252 | 5.6 |
| 100,000 | 36,873 | 49,498 | 34.2 |
| 500,000 | 92,536 | 157,926 | 70.7 |

EDUCATIONAL WORK ON DISABILITY BIG JOB BEFORE UNIONS

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, urges all local unions to step up their efforts to inform members of their rights under the California Disability Insurance Law.

Green Raps Ban



"Information obtained from the California Department of Employment on the number of first claims for disability insurance which are being filed each week indicates that employees lack knowledge of their right to draw benefits when they become unemployed because of non-occupational illness or by injury," Haggerty said.

ASKS UNIONS TO HELP

"Unions can help remedy this situation by providing their members with information about the operation of the disability plan. Representatives of the Department of Employment are available for short talks on the subject at union meetings."

The disability insurance system is designed to protect the wage earner from total loss of wages when he becomes unemployed because of sickness or accident. The employees pay for this insurance by contributing 1 per cent of their wages up to \$3000 each year to the state Disability Fund.

The Federation's Secretary emphasizes that to qualify for disability insurance the individual must be unemployed because of an illness or injury which is not connected with his occupation. An employee so affected files a first claim for benefits, a physician's certificate verifying the facts of the disability, and serves a one-week waiting period for which no benefits are paid.

BENEFITS DESCRIBED

Benefit payments are exactly the same as those provided for unemployment insurance. Both disability insurance and unemployment insurance may be drawn during the same benefit year, but they cannot be drawn during the same week. Benefits are not paid, under the Disability Insurance Law, to persons who are receiving or are entitled to receive workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, or servicemen's readjustment allowances.

Standard claim forms used in filing for benefits may be obtained at any local office of the California Department of Employment, and additional information may also be obtained at the employment offices.

Barber Shop Proprietors Must Pay Up

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In a release issued by Walter W. Pierce, Organizer for the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists International Union of America, he reports that a referendum vote of the membership, conducted by the International Union, approved the position requiring all employers who work at the trade and enjoy the conditions achieved by the Union, to share in the cost of such benefits as members of the Union, instead of continuing to participate without contributing as "free riders."

In practically all cases, the release points out, the employers in the barber and beauty shop occupational field work in competition with those whom they employ and share equally with the employees all of the conditions made by the Union to raise their standard of living, improve their working conditions, and increase their earning power.

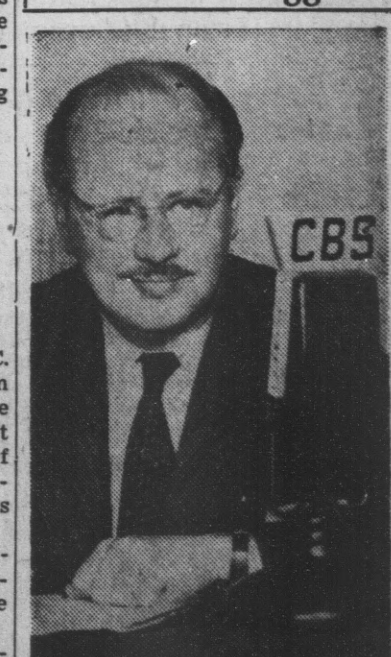
AFL Chiefs Hit Federation of Trade Unions

Washington, D.C. Three top AFL leaders called on President Truman at the White House to continue their fight against the World Federation of Trade Unions and to demand a central government for Germany "as soon as possible."

AFL Pres. William Green. Vice-Pres. David Dubinsky and Sec-Treas. George Meany were the White House callers.

Green said they told the President that the WFTU is under Communist control and constitutes "a fifth column." (The CIO is the U.S. affiliate of the WFTU.) Green said the party objected to the WFTU sending a delegation to Japan and Korea over the protests of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and claimed the WFTU was going "merely to act as representatives of the Communists."

A Liberal Gagged



William L. Shriver, one of the few remaining liberal radio commentators, has been dropped by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Despite the fact that Shriver's audience was about 5 million, he went on his last show Mar. 30. "I certainly consider it a move to gag me," said the latest victim of the drive against liberal newscasters. (Federated Pictures)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

THE CLOSED SHOP ISSUE

William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, has given what (to some people) may seem startling advice—for unions to ignore legislation adopted by some states prohibiting the closed shop. The Supreme Court, says Green, has already ruled on this issue and has declared such laws unconstitutional. Sometimes it takes a year or more for appeals to reach the high court, and for unions to abandon their closed shop contracts or to be unable to enter into new ones, while waiting for another decision, would be a serious injury to labor in the states concerned. President Green is not a scowler, but the fact remains that if a majority of the workers in a plant want a closed shop, and the employer agrees, that is a two-party agreement, and any attempt to outlaw such an agreement would be unconstitutional.

Laws in Arizona, Arkansas, Florida and Nebraska which prohibit the closed shop are already being tested in the courts by the AFL. It is hoped that one of these appeals will be decided by the Supreme Court soon. Of course, no one knows for a certainty that the high court will again rule in favor of labor. Most people expected it to rule in favor of the United Mine Workers on the injunction business. The political complexion of Congress has a lot to do with court opinions, and on this issue the Supreme Court may resurrect the old "states' rights" doctrine and say that the states can decide whether to permit or ban the open shop. On the other hand, this may conflict with certain provisions in the National Labor Relations Act, insofar as that act covers employers engaged in interstate commerce.

At any rate, Green's advice is only common sense: Carry on as usual!

WHO GETS THE INCOME?

Current issue of the AFL "Labor's Monthly Survey" presents some statistics that should be widely known:

From 1945 to 1946, total wage and salary income of all workers dropped from \$114.5 billion to \$109 billion. On the other hand, profits for business men went up from \$13.1 to \$15 billion; farmers' profits from \$12.5 to \$15 billion; corporation profits (after taxes) from \$9 to \$12 billion; and income from rent and interest from \$11.8 to \$13 billion.

There you have it—the income of all groups increased, except labor's. Yet the income from wages and salaries represents about 70 per cent of the money spent by consumers in stores and for products.

The question naturally arises, then: "If worker income is down, how can business, farmer and corporation income be up?" The answer is that workers are more and more raiding their savings accounts (if they are so fortunate as to have any left) and buying more and more on credit. For instance, there was only a little more than half the savings in the last three months of 1946 as there were in the last three months of 1945. And during the last year installment buying (consumer credit) increased 45 per cent.

If this process keeps up long enough, there can be only one answer—recession, then depression in the years to come. Real wages (what money can buy for the worker) must be substantially increased soon, or it will be too late to stop the downward trend.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH CHINA

An interesting sidelight on what is fundamentally wrong in China is found in a recent letter signed by Admiral H. E. Yarnell, retired, appealing for funds for "Indusco" (American Committee in Aid of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives). In asking aid to the Chinese cooperatives, Admiral Yarnell says:

"More than 900 cooperatives withstood the Japanese aggression, are weathering present economic instability in China (a meal in Shanghai costs 10,000 Chinese dollars and cooperatives must pay up to 15 per cent PER MONTH for bank loans) and are in a position to furnish desperately needed consumer goods to the Chinese people."

Notice that "15 per cent PER MONTH for bank loans." That kind of interest works out, on a yearly basis, to 180 per cent. This type of blood-sucking usury, plus unconscionable rents for the use of land, is at the bottom of most of China's grief. Chiang Kai-Shek's government has had 20 years to do something about it—and has done nothing. Why do we want to spend more millions of American taxpayer money to bolster a feudal setup like that?

A FAINT RECOLLECTION

Is it just a coincidence that our present foreign policy of "running the world" is going on at the same time that the Congress is planning repressive measures against labor at home? We distinctly remember three well-known chaps who went in for that twin program—their names were Hirohito, Hitler and Mussolini.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

Fless was a nervous man with much imagination, the kind who exaggerates things to the point of hypochondria.

One afternoon he staggered into his home and fell into a chair, all hunched up. He sat there, all curled up, and called feebly for his wife.

"Darling," he gasped, "it's come at last. I can't straighten up. I can't lift my head. Send for the doctor."

The doctor hooted over and Mrs. Fless wrung her hands as she inquired, "Is there any hope?" "Well," replied the doctor, "it will help a lot if he unbuttons the top buttonhole of his vest from the top button of his trousers."

NICE IF YOU GET IT

MOTIE: "Did you hear about Bill's new job?"

GOITIE: "No. What's he doing?"

MOTIE: "He's working in a bloomer factory pulling down thirty-two hundred a year."

THE GRUESOME DETAILS

The lovely girl and her handsome escort came into the cocktail lounge and sat at the bar. "What would you like to drink, my dear, beer or champagne?" asked the man.

The girl's cultivated voice replied: "I believe I prefer champagne. Whenever I take a drink of champagne, the bubbles tickle my nose and brain. Then I get all woozy and dreamy. I imagine I'm a queen sitting nude on a golden throne in a marble hall. A great strong prince appears from nowhere. He sits down near me, talks to me in poetic language, holds my hand and makes my head swim rapturously. Then he waves his hands and hundreds of slaves appear and heap incredible jewels and furs and money all about me. I go into the seventh heaven of ecstasy. But when I drink beer, I burp!"

NO MAN'S LAND

"Pick up everything that's not growing," was the sergeant's order to the policing detail.

About that time a pretty bobby-soxer passed.

The sergeant blew his whistle and shouted, "That's still growing, snout."

WAGES OF SIN

A little man came home unexpectedly to find his wife in the arms of another man. Seizing the man's umbrella, our hero raised it high above his head with both hands . . . then brought it down sharply over his own knees. It broke in two.

"There," cried the little man, "now I hope it rains."

ADEQUATE PREPAREDNESS

A boy and girl were out driving. They came to a quiet spot on the country lane and the car stopped. "Out of gas," said the boy. The girl opened her purse and pulled out a bottle.

"Wow!" said the boy. "A bottle—what is it?"

"Gasoline," replied the girl.

THE TALESMAN

A doctor and a dentist, who occupied adjoining offices, shared the services of the same nurse. In time, both fell in love with her.

One day the dentist had to leave on a business trip. Before he left he called in the nurse and said: "Darling, I'm going away for ten days. I'm leaving a little present at your apartment."

When she got home that night, she found ten apples.

BAD BARGAIN

"I wish I had my wife back."

"Where is she?"

"I swapped her for a bottle of whisky."

"And now you realize how much you loved her?"

"No. I'm thirsty again."

SIMPLE DEDUCTION

TEACHER: "Where do we find mangoes?"

STUDENT: "Where woman goes."

GETS THE BREAKS

1ST BOSS: "How's your new stenographer?"

2ND BOSS: "Not so good."

1ST BOSS: "You always were lucky."

Radio Announcers Get \$12 Increase Following Walk-Out

San Francisco, Calif. This city's two independent radio stations, KYA and KSFO, got back on the air after a 3-day strike by the American Federation of Radio Artists won a compromise settlement providing an 18-month contract retroactive to Jan. 1 and guaranteeing no discrimination against the strikers.

The agreement, which also applies to independents KSNB and KJBS in San Francisco and KLLX and KROW in Oakland, provides wage scales for announcers ranging from \$67.50 to \$77.50 a week with a further \$2.50 weekly raise Oct. 1. Former salaries were from \$35 to \$60. Vacation and other demands are still to be settled.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



A NEW MECHANICAL HARVESTER IS SPELLING THE DOOM OF THE TEDIIOUS AND BACK-BREAKING JOB OF PICKING CRANBERRIES BY HAND, SAYS THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE. THE NEW MACHINE WHIPS BERRIES OFF THE VINES AT THE RATE OF FOUR POUNDS A MINUTE!

BRITISH CONSUMERS COOPERATIVES PRODUCED A RECORD SURPLUS OF ALMOST \$143,000,000 IN 1946.



REAL WAGES WERE RAISED SIX FOLD BETWEEN 1840 AND 1930.



THE BEST HATS ARE UNION-MADE! LOOK FOR THIS UNION LABEL UNDER THE SWEATBAND OF THE NEXT HAT YOU BUY; IT GUARANTEES UNION MANUFACTURE.



ATTACK TRANSPORT

By Lt. Lawrence A. Marsden. Published by The University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn. Price \$2.50.

If you are looking for an evening's adventure, replete with tense moments and thrills, you need not have to follow the newest plot involving Hercule Poirot or Nero Wolfe. Just get yourself a copy of "Attack Transport," which is the saga of the U.S.S. Doyen, an attack transport which saw 100,000 miles of action in the Pacific war, carried invasion troops to the islands where the bloodiest fighting took place and brought out the wounded. For two years, this boat did this sort of thing and got off with but one mishap—a shell hole in her boom.

Such a record of service, of course, is high tribute to the officers and men of the crew. Lt. Marsden was the supply officer for the Doyen, and from notes and memory has put together a stirring account. Some unusually good photographs help the reader to get into the mood of the story.

In a foreword, Admiral Richmond K. Turner, former Commander of the Pacific Fleet's amphibious forces, writes of "Attack Transport": "In war, transports seldom rest. Between assaults, on long and dreary voyages they carry out to distant bases replacement and service troops and freight, and carry back to home ports our casualties and essential war materials. They are the unsung, battle-scarred work horses of the Navy."

All true enough but they are "unsung" no longer with Lt. Marsden's thrilling story available as a reminder.

—AL SESSIONS

THERE WAS ONCE A SLAVE

By Shirley Graham. Published by Julian Messner, Inc., 8 West 40th Street, New York, Price \$3.00.

Too few Americans know the story of Frederick Douglass, who rose from the humiliation of chattel slavery to a position of high honor in American life. Prejudice alone has preserved the astute attached to such abolitionist names as Garrison, Lovejoy, John Brown, Wendell Phillips and Harriet Beecher Stowe, while ignoring the heroic life of a black man whose amazing career was such a determining factor in the abolition of slavery. I must confess that my

own education has been meager in this respect, so that "There Was Once a Slave" was an eye-opener.

Shirley Graham, herself of the Negro race, has turned out a splendid biography that is as absorbing as a good novel. It is easy to see why judges Carl Van Doren, Lewis Gannett and Clifton Fadiman conferred the annual Julian Messner Award to Miss Graham for the best book combating intolerance in America, and why the Book Find Club chose "There Was Once a Slave" as its March selection. Her story of Douglass has power, sweep and inspiring eloquence. She paints an unforgettable picture of an indomitable character, refusing to be browbeaten or sidetracked, dedicating his life to smashing the Thing that degraded white and black alike. There are few instances in history where men have started in the depths with such terrible obstacles to overcome—and driven their way through to the pinnacle of achievement and recognition. Douglass is one of them. It is a long way from boyhood slavery and the lashings of white taskmasters to the ambassadorship to Haiti, but that is the epic scope of Douglass' life.

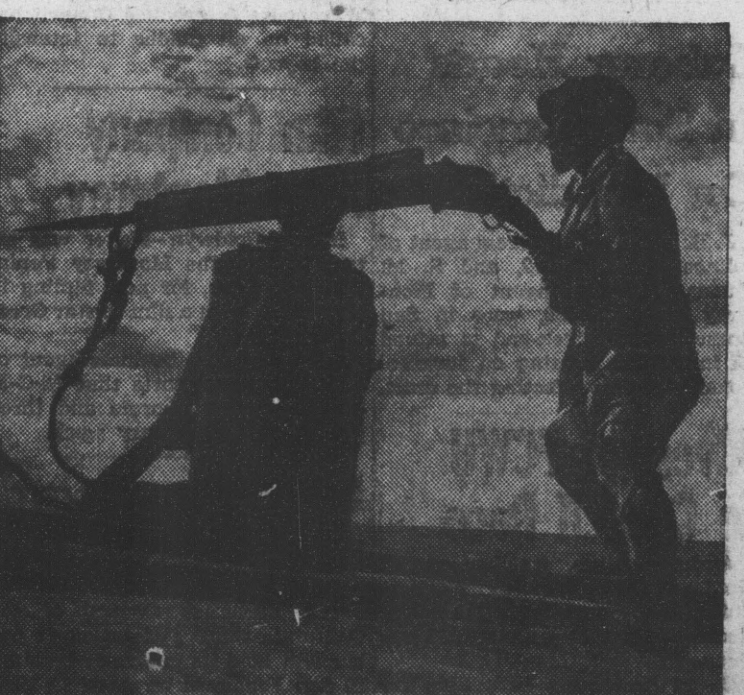
Here was a black man whose character and intelligence made him the friend and confidante of Abraham Lincoln, Gladstone and Peel, all of the outstanding abolitionists, literati and social workers of his time. This book by Shirley Graham ought to be required reading for those who still think pigmentation should decide whether a person should "keep in his place." If you are one of these, I recommend a couple of evenings with this uplifting biography. If it doesn't make you ashamed of your unreasoning prejudices, then you're hopeless!

—AL SESSIONS

Bantam Specials

Among the current Bantam 25-cent reprint releases is a recent best-seller—Bruce Marshall's "The World, The Flesh and Father Smith," one of the most human stories in recent years. Other issues are: "Up Front," drawings and text by Bill Mauldin; "Border Roundup," swift-paced Western by Allan R. Bosworth; "Death at the Door," a superior whodunit by Anthony Gilbert.—A.E.S.

KOREAN WHALING EXPEDITION



On an American Red Cross sponsored tour aboard a Korean whaler, American GI sightseers get the big thrill of the day as the ship's captain assumes his position behind the harpoon gun ready for the whale to flash his bulk above water.

Keep Stylish, Yet Wear Out Those Dresses

By JO LYNNE

Probably the least important result of our victory over the Hitler gang has been the end of government control over the amount of fabric to be used in women's dresses. As a result there has been a positive rash of peplums and pleats in this spring's styles and a perceptible drop in hemlines—which means that alteration of the skirts in your wardrobe is in order if you want to keep up with the designers.

It's usually pretty simple to add an inch or two to a short skirt but sometimes you will run into a snag where the back of the hem is shiny from too much pressing or there is so little cloth that a facing is needed. The experts in the clothing section at the Dept. of Agriculture have a few hints on how to iron out your hem problems which ought to solve most of them, however. Here they are:

1—For shiny wool fabrics: Rip the hem and steam-press on the wrong side of the fabric provided the wool is light-weight or has a raised pattern in the weave. Thick wool should be steam-pressed on the right side. (To steam-press, cover the fabric with a dry wool cloth, then with a cotton cloth dampened in warm water. Use a warm iron and set it down, then lift it up, never sliding it back and forth.) If the shine persists, raise the nap with a clean brush or rubber sponge.

2—For shiny acetate rayon: Follow the directions for wool. If the shine cannot be removed—or if the dress lacks a hem—try some other lengthening tricks. Insert contrasting bands in the skirt, add a yoke, let out waist seams or sew a belt of another material into the dress and cover it with a novelty belt.

3—For stubborn hem creases: Wet the crease line on the wrong side, then turn the material on the right side and roll the crease back and forth in your fingers to work it out. Then press on the wrong side.

4—For too-short hems: Seam-binding or facing material can be used here. Seam-binding is usually sewed directly to the edge of a skirt of heavy material with the binding turned up so that about a quarter inch of dress fabric is on the underside of the skirt. Light-weight dress goods is better with a facing about an inch wide in order to give body to the skirt edge. Don't forget to pre-shrink a facing material if it is not labeled pre-shrunk. Circular or flared skirts call for facing out on the bias; straight or pleated skirts may be lengthened with straight facing.

In any case, don't throw out last year's dress because it isn't this year's style. Try scissors and pins and needle and thread, add a little ingenuity and time and see first what you can turn out.

Playful, Eh?

Man who was revealed five years ago to be financial backer of a native Fascist movement in Detroit has just been arrested for indecent exposure. That's like pinching Hitler for playing patty-cake with Eva Braun in the public park at Berchtesgaden.

Balkan Inquiry Nears End



The United Nations Commission investigating disturbances on the borders of Greece is nearing the end of its fact-finding journey which, sometimes by mule-back and jeep, has taken it through the heart of the snow-bound Balkans. Here the Commission is questioning one of the hundreds of witnesses heard on the spot, a political prisoner in the Pavlos Melos internment camp near the Greek city of Salonika.

Heads of Rail Unions Oppose Armed Aid to Two Countries

Cleveland, Ohio.

"The challenge of Russia as a powerful nation, threatening the independent existence of surrounding states, is not one which the United States should meet alone. For that reason we are opposed to the proposal that the United States send military assistance to either Turkey or Greece."

This is the core of a special release to the press by Alvanley Johnston, Grand Chief Engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and A. F. Whitney, President, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, on President Truman's proposals for aid to Greece and Turkey. The statement continues: "Communism as a way of life wins support chiefly from people who are hungry and oppressed, hopeless and desperate. These conditions exist in Greece today. They can be removed, in large part, by the grant of assistance from the United States to feed the starving people and to enable the stricken Greek economy to recover, spreading prosperity throughout the land."

SHOULD DEMAND REFORMS

"We urge Congress, however, to insist that Greece carry out the internal reforms necessary to assure wise and efficient use of this assistance. The challenge of Russia as a powerful nation, threatening the independent existence of surrounding states, is not one which the United States should meet alone. For that reason we are opposed to the proposal that the United States send military assistance to either Turkey or Greece. . . . For the United States to move by itself to bolster, with military support, nations who feel their independence threatened will cripple the United Nations. . . . It also carries the risk that United States action will be misinterpreted abroad as intended to divide the world into hostile camps. Should that tragedy develop, the world will head inevitably toward war."

Tom Dewey Signs Proclamation to Enslave Teacher

Albany, N.Y.

Ignoring labor requests for a veto lying before him on his desk, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey (R) signed into law here a bill outlawing strikes by public employees and imposing severe penalties on violators.

Even as Dewey was signing the bill, which he claimed would stave off "anarchy," a petition for a public hearing signed by 20,000 teachers was en route to the state capital. Requests for a public hearing on the bill by organized labor and Democratic party leaders were also brushed aside by Dewey, who forced his Republican followers to ram the bill through the legislature without even a side glance at the storm of public opposition it had raised.

Leaders of the AFL, who previously had supported Dewey, joined the CIO in denouncing the action. Unions of public workers immediately began planning a campaign for repeal of the measure, at the same time stepping up their organizing work among state and city employees.

Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz, legislative representative of the New York Teachers Guild (AFL), bitterly assailed the bill as a "harsh law that cannot fail to build ill will and resentment."

Introduced during the Buffalo teachers' walkout for more pay this winter, the measure bans strikes by employees of the state or its political subdivisions and provides that strikers may be discharged automatically. They may be re-employed later but at no increase in salary and with raises barred for three years and tenure rights suspended for five.

Death on the Job

Death of 588 California workers as a result of industrial accidents was recorded in 1946, it was announced last week by Paul Scharenberg, director of industrial relations. Vehicles accounted for the most, 245. Other causes: machinery 66, falls 65, electrocutions 41, explosions 33, falling objects 36. More than 7,500 injured workers suffered some permanent impairment. Disabling injuries—bad enough to prevent work the next day—numbered 180,000. Largest number of fatalities occurred to men between the ages of 25 and 34, a much younger age than in the war years. Most hazardous industries were: lumber, oil, mines, construction, and trucking-warehousing.

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Currently starring in the Adventure, Britain's dashing Deborah Kerr has been given the much desired feminine lead opposite Clark Gable in the forthcoming movie, The Hucksters. (Federated Pictures)

Asks Science To Take Lead In Promoting World Peace

San Francisco, Calif. "Science, which has always been international, is the easiest approach to other forms of international unity," Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory and president of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science, told a press conference here.

Shapley, who has just returned from a trip to the universities and scientific centers of India, was here to address meetings of the Progressive Citizens of America and the California Labor School.

ACCENTS INTERNATIONALISM
The noted astronomer was particularly enthusiastic about a project for international research institutes now being planned at the Philadelphia sessions of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. "The idea in these," he said, "will be not to do anything nationally that we can do internationally."

The UNESCO project closest to Shapley's heart is the idea, proposed by him, of traveling panels. Under this program, groups of five distinguished scientists of all nationalities, each a leader in a different field—for example, chemistry, physics, geology, astronomy and biology—would make a 6-month tour, staying a week in each important center in Latin America, eastern Europe, or any other part of the civilized world. At each stop they would give popular lectures, hold seminars and conferences and show exhibits and motion pictures.

"TRAVELING PANELS"
Following the scientists, UNESCO could send out traveling panels of economists, writers, musicians or any other international group. "Imagine," Shapley exclaimed, "Einstein for a week in Capetown or Brisbane, one of a panel deliberately sent by UNESCO to show the internationalism of all culture." Shapley criticized the American habit of considering ourselves superior to other nations because we have technical know-how. "In some fields," he said, "the Russians are better than we are, for example, in higher applied mathematics, and in soil science, which they originated. In other fields we are better than they. The whole world benefits by that kind of contest."

Who's Biased Now, Huh?

Millionaire Publisher David Lawrence, who writes a daily column for newspapers throughout the country, doesn't like the NLRB. His column of March 18, as printed in the Washington Star, is a good example of his type of reasoning.

The NLRB, said Lawrence, "admits" that it is "guilty of bias." It has "grasped at a preamble in the wording of a law" and from it has assumed a bias which has "distorted the meaning of equality" under it.

Them's harsh words, but let's look at what Lawrence is talking about. It says right at the beginning of the Wagner Act that it shall be the policy of the government "to encourage the practice and procedure of collective bargaining."

Now of course the NLRB was created to administer that law. And so, not unnaturally, that agency concedes that it is "biased" in favor of collective bargaining rather than individual bargaining. That is just what the American people, through Congress, directed. But that, according to Lawrence, is "collectivism."

Question: Who's biased now?

With Local 890

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Our Union is gradually completing its 1947 agreements; however, where arbitration takes place much time is consumed in preparing our cases. We have from time to time reported on what progress we have made in the S. P. Milling case. Because our Union could not reach an agreement with the S. P. Milling Company on wages, the matter was referred to arbitration. Our contract has been opened since November 20, 1946, that being the retroactive date for any increase we may receive as a result of arbitration. Although a few men are employed during this time of the year a decision on this matter is important, because the need for an increase in wages for this group and because any decision handed down will have some effect on negotiations with the Eckhart Seed Company and the Mitchell-Silliman Companies. The arbiters will meet very soon. As we go to press our Union has been informed that the briefs prepared by the Union have reached the Arbitration Board; watch this column for future news on this matter.

The Union maintains a staff of competent attorneys, who not only prepare and defend the local union in matters of contracts and suits but whose services are now extended to take care of the individual members. We refer to the law office of Tobiner and Lazarus in the Russ Building, San Francisco. A great number of our local unions through the Joint Council support and maintain this service, which would be prohibitive otherwise. On matters of importance this staff of competent men should benefit the individual member to the extent of free consultation and conference on matters that confront him. This service can be procured through your Union office.

Your Union wishes to impress all of its members with the importance of maintaining a correct and complete name and address, as well as name of beneficiary, so that the insurance policies which will be forthcoming very soon from our group life insurance plan will be correct. Remember that this group life insurance plan is contingent upon all members being in good standing; your dues must be paid by the 15th day of the current month in order to be covered. As these policies arrive you will be notified to call at the office for them; in cases such as San Juan, Gilroy, and Hollister the policies will be delivered on the job.

At a regular meeting some six months ago our Union voted unanimously to have the officers prepare a booklet entitled "Who Are the Teamsters?" This was done at great expense to you. This booklet contains a complete true story of our organization. Copies are available at the office for all of our members. If you have not received one please call at the office of the Union or you may request one from the Business Agent in the event you are not able to come to the office.

As a member of this Union you are also entitled to receive the Monterey County Labor News once each week, mailed to your home. This paper contains much valuable information with regards to our everyday life. Your Union also edits a column every week under the title, "With Local 890." If you are not receiving this paper and you are a member in good standing, notify the Union immediately. This column contains news of interest of your job, as well as social activities, press releases on Social Security, Veteran news items and what is being done with regards to our welfare in the State and National governments. So it is important that you receive this paper.

It is with regret that we inform all of our members that our vice-president, Bro. Alex Dahmer, has resigned as an officer of the Union to take up a position as custodian of the County Court House in Monterey County. It is gratifying to know that our loss was Bro. Dahmer's gain. The officers and members of the Union wish Bro. Dahmer much success.

There will be a complete report in this paper next week with regards to our Produce Drivers agreement. As this column goes to press a meeting is scheduled to decide on a proposal by the industry. Your Union urges all stewards to notify any new drivers of produce trucks on harvesting equipment including drivers of mechanical loaders, silver kings, and bugs to become in good standing with the Union. Anyone you see working under our jurisdiction who cannot produce a paid-up book and who works without a Union button in full display should be called to the notice of the Union immediately.

It is important that we keep a close watch on the enemies of labor who at the present time are sabotaging all of the gains made by organized labor in the last decade. It is important that we learn a lesson for what we did last November when we allowed certain men who are known enemies of labor to be elected to State and National governmental positions. It is important that we watch very closely the actions of these anti-

labor forces. It is important that we write to our representatives and senators of the Congress of the United States with regards to such anti-labor measures as the Taft-Ball anti-labor bill S-55, which practically outlaws unions; the Gwynne Wage-Hour Amendments and its HR-211, which curbs the rights of workers to get back pay due them by employers violating the Wage-Hour Act. This bill has been passed by the House and will be before the Senate in a short time. Also the Knutson Tax Bill, HR-1. This bill is disguised to provide a 20 per cent income tax cut, but the 20 per cent cut affects the upper bracket class, which will give millions to the millionaires and pennies to the workers. You should write your congressman to put the burden on high incomes. A fight is going on to outlaw rent controls; oppose these measures by notifying your congressman, and write your senator to reject all rent raising bills.

All of these things add up to dollars. In selling your services through your Union you attempt to acquire the best wages, hours and conditions that the industry can afford; but indirectly, as we voters allow all of these things to be taken away from us, such as the foregoing political measures which cost the working classes part of their wage earnings.

Your Constitution and By-Laws provide that you become a registered voter. It is important that you do this in order to exercise your vote to protect yourselves from anti-labor laws proposed to destroy what you have gained in the last decade.

NOTES HERE AND THERE
Salinas—Savina Palicio and Rosemary Pacheco, both employed at Raiter Canning Co., are recovering from appendix operations.

Watsonville—John Scalici has resigned as Shop Steward at National Ice Co. Johnnie has done a good job as steward since the organization of the ice houses in Watsonville and the officers of the Union appreciate his service. L. Colegrove was elected to succeed him and we hope all of the members give him their full support.

Sister Tina Cantero was elected unanimously as Shop Steward at the Watsonville Cannery. The members are urged to give her their full cooperation.

The following members received sick benefits this week:
John Morgan, 534 Terrace St., Salinas, \$25; Gilbert Carpenter, 641 New Deal St., Salinas, \$25.

NOTICE!

You can get a statement of your credits (from wage deductions) in the Federal Social Security account by coming to the Union office and filling out a simple card form. This is forwarded to the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Board, Baltimore, Maryland. When the Baltimore office receives this card, it will notify you how much wage credit is on the books in your old-age and survivors insurance account. Attend to this NOW! Sometimes there are mistakes, and now is the time to correct mistakes if any have been made. Remember, it's your future protection against the hazards of old age!

VETERANS' TRAINING
Many California colleges and universities, faced with a continually growing veteran population whose tuition and expenses amount to millions of dollars, may now draw a partial advance payment of tuition under new procedures announced by the Veterans Administration.

The new system will permit VA to pay 75 per cent of the estimated tuition, fees, book and supply costs for veterans studying under the GI Bill as soon as a semester's registration is completed and the number of veterans enrolled is known. The University of California, with eight campuses, will be able to draw advance payments totaling several millions of dollars. The Veterans Administration estimated that payments to the university will be approximately \$4,250,000 for veterans enrolled under the GI Bill

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council on April 1, 1947, was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of seven delegates from eleven locals. Regular officers present were President McCutcheon, Vice-President Grieco, Secretary-Treasurer Edwards, and Sergeant-at-Arms Alves.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

A bill for \$2.05 for a secretary's book was approved and ordered paid.

Various communications were presented and considered.

It was moved, seconded and passed to endorse Anthony Alves as a candidate for the Monterey City Council.

A resolution was presented by the delegate from the Teachers Union in favor of school bonds soon to be submitted to the voters. It was moved, seconded and passed to endorse the resolution.

The Butchers reported no meeting since last report. All is O. K. with them.

The Barbers reported a good routine meeting.

The Cannery Workers reported a good meeting. The Cal-Pak case is still pending.

The Motion Picture Operators reported no meeting since last report.

The Teachers reported that there is at present some renewed interest in the Teachers Union. The Bartenders said they had nothing special to report.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

SCHOOL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school population of the Monterey school districts has increased greatly during the past few years, and

WHEREAS, there is every prospect of further increase in the local school population, and

WHEREAS, school facilities are already overtaxed, and

WHEREAS, there is urgent need for two years of junior college training in this community; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council hereby endorse the issuance of bonds as planned by the Governing Boards of the Monterey Elementary School District and the Monterey Union High School to provide much needed buildings and other facilities and to provide for junior college classes locally.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary.

Unions Urging Probe Of Bread Price Hike

Washington, D.C. A call for an investigation by the antitrust division of the Justice Dept. into recent price boosts of 1 to 3 cents for a loaf of bread was demanded by unions in letters to Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark.

Signed by Chairman John Thornton of the Cost of Living committee, the communication said "the bread baking monopoly blames higher wheat prices, but the fact is that the big baking companies reaped gigantic profits in 1946."

The letter asked Clark "to use your power under the antitrust laws to obtain immediate relief for the consuming public from the thievery of this bread monopoly."

during the last fall semester.

The actual expenses for veterans, less the advance payment, can be paid either at the end of the semester or at the end of the period for refunding money for those who have dropped out of school. Schools will have their choice of when to submit the final bill to VA.

Until VA announced the new system no college could collect any money for veteran-students until the end of the "refund period," usually six weeks or more after the beginning of the semester. This worked a hardship on schools that customarily depended on tuition payments at the beginning of the semester to meet current expenses.

With more than 1,100,000 veterans enrolled in institutions of higher learning throughout the country and with the number of veterans likely to increase within the next year, the system of payments in arrears threatened to work an even greater financial hardship on the schools.

Only well established non-profit colleges and universities can qualify under the new plan.

Other than non-profit colleges and universities, including most trade and business schools, do not come under the new plan, but may continue to bill VA in arrears, usually once a month.

The managers of VA regional offices will handle advance payments by written agreements with the colleges and universities that want to use the new system and are eligible for it.

The rush of veterans into colleges has so completely surpassed expectations that VA's own estimate has recently had to be revised upward.

On the basis of recent estimates of higher learning probably will reach a peak of 1,300,000 in the school year 1947-48, VA said.

Scientists Hit Keeping Nazis

Washington, D. C.

The Federation of American Scientists protested to Pres. Truman against proposals to allow German scientists now working for the U.S. army on weapons research to remain here to become American citizens.

Atomic Scientist William A. Higginbotham, FAS secretary, wrote Truman: "The very fact that these men had been approved for key war research by the Gestapo demonstrates that they at least did not oppose the Nazi aims. Any favor extended to such individuals, even for military reasons, represents an affront to the people of all countries who so recently fought beside us."

Several hundred of the Nazi research men have been working for months in the U. S. and the army told the press some had already earned the right to apply for immigration visas under the quota. Others, the army said, would be brought over "for permanent employment in civil industrial research and development."

Finally Gets There

"What's that piece of string tied 'round your finger for, Bill?"

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